



▲ **BEST OF THE BEST:** These 27 Blacks were honored as the top Army ROTC cadets at their respective universities as participants in the recent George C. Marshall ROTC Award Seminar held on the campuses of Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. They were among a total of 263 cadets selected for the prestigious seminar and award that recognizes the most outstanding Army ROTC cadet at each university which offers ROTC across the nation. The George C. Marshall ROTC Award honors the legacy of the late World War II Army Gen. George C. Marshall, who served as Army chief of staff and as both secretary of state and secretary of defense. The Black cadets represent all of America's historically Black colleges and universities, and many other institutions. They are listed alphabetically by their school's name: Stetson King, Alcorn State University; Sherman C. Watson Jr., Auburn University at Montgomery; Toby R. Mackall, Bowie State University; Rashad J. Fulcher, Florida A&M University; Anthony W. Gore, Georgia State University; Gabriel L. Medley, Grambling State University; Melissa A. Bennett-Bryant, Hampton University; Joy J. James, Hofstra University; Kevin R. Lewis, Jackson State University; Michael T. Goodwin, Lander University; Leslie E. Rodgers, Lincoln University (Missouri); Dalmar A. Jackson, Morehouse College; Steven M. Conrad, Morgan State University; Sharon B. Christian, Norfolk State University; Ervin D. Smith, North Carolina A&T State University; Steven M. Oliver, Prairie View A&M University; Marcus J. Bynum, St. Augustine's College; Che L. Atkinson, South Carolina State University; Justin A. Gwynn, Southern University and A&M College; Rod D. Doyle, Southwest Texas State University; Natasha S. Blake, Tuskegee University; Christina L. West, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; Melvin B. Jeter, University of California at Los Angeles; Detrick L. Ousby, University of Southern Mississippi; Shonnel Makwakwa, University of West Florida; Crevonta N. Beasley, Virginia State University and Miles C. Cary II, West Virginia State College.



▼ **JAMES FARMER TRIBUTE:** Following the unveiling ceremony for the James Farmer Memorial on the campus of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA, the late civil rights leader's family (2nd, l-r), granddaughter Abigale Gonzalez and daughters Tami Farmer-Gonzalez and Abbey Farmer, are greeted by National Council of Churches President Andrew Young (l) and Mary Washington College President William M. Anderson as they stand in front of the bust of Farmer at the memorial site. Farmer died in 1999. He was a professor at Mary Washington and is a founder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) which used nonviolent direct action to promote racial equality. CORE organized the first Freedom Rides to integrate interstate travel facilities in the South. Young, a former mayor of Atlanta, worked with Farmer during the Civil Rights Movement in the early '60s. He is the first James Farmer Visiting Professor in Human Rights at Mary Washington College.

